

FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Date (month / year): January 2010

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

50/47

Boston
North

1570

Town: Lexington

Place: (neighborhood or village)

Address: 6 Hastings Road

Historic Name: Charles H. Rudd House

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: c.1906

Source: directories, 1906 map

Style/Form: Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: wood shingles

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
none

Major Alterations (with dates):

Condition: good

Moved: no | x | yes | | Date _____

Acreage: 0.25 acre

Setting: small residential street fronting Hastings Park

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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____ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Facing Hastings Park, 6 Hastings Road is a two-story hip-roofed, Colonial Revival dwelling dating to the early years of the 20th century. Sheathed in wood shingles, the house presents a five-bay façade to the east. The center entrance is located in a projecting, hip-roofed vestibule outlined by pilasters with an overlaid pedimented door surround and five panel door. Most of the wooden windows have 6/6 sash and are flanked by blinds. There is also a casement unit above the center entrance and a three-sided bay window on the south elevation.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

This property stands on part of the land subdivided by Augustus E. Scott (see 277 Waltham Street, MHC #461) in 1903. The street was originally labeled as Hastings Terrace. The subdivision extended west of Hastings Park including the present Hastings Road, Audubon Street and a strip on the south side of Massachusetts Avenue.

This house (originally known as 5 Hastings Road) appears to have been constructed for Charles H. Rudd (1876-1951) and his wife Blanche. There does not appear to be a house on this site at the time of the 1906 Walker map. However, the Rudds married about 1906 and it is likely that the house was constructed shortly thereafter. He was employed as a broker in Boston; she worked at one time as a teacher. The couple was living in an unnumbered house on Hastings Road at the time of the 1910 Census and is listed as living at 5 Hastings in the 1913 directory. The 1920 Census indicates that Charles and Blanche Rudd were then living here with their daughter, son and a boarder. There were still here in 1942.

Later owners included Geraldine Lee and Steven and Gloria Sitzman.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Directories, various years.

Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Cambridge, Mass. - Plan Book 158, Plan 10

U.S. Census, various years.

1906 Walker map